

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. - 24. *cancelled*

25. (*currently amended*) In a telephone network that includes a voicemail server that stores messages and a message notification server that notifies a subscriber device of a message stored in the voicemail server by initiating a voicemail status call to the subscriber, the improvement comprising:

multiple mailbox partitions formed within the voicemail server and associated with a single telephone line of the network,

respective unique network IDs associated with respective ones of the multiple mailbox partitions, and

a controller that stores a voicemail message in a partition associated with one of the unique network IDs and that effects transmission of a change in voicemail status message during the message notification server-initiated voicemail status call.

26. (*currently amended*) The improvement of claim 25, wherein the transmitted voicemail status message includes one of multiple unique network IDs so as to identify a specific partition of the multiple mailbox partitions having a new voicemail message.

27. *cancelled*

28. (*currently amended*) In a telephone network that includes a voicemail server that stores messages and a message notification server that notifies a subscriber device of a message stored in the voicemail server by initiating a voicemail status call to the subscriber, the improvement comprising:

at least one unique caller-ID number associated with the status of messages at said voicemail server for that subscriber, and

a controller responsive to the subscriber device to transmit the at least one unique caller-ID for that subscriber during the voicemail status call, according to the status of messages for that subscriber at said voicemail server.

29. (currently amended) The improvement of claim 28, wherein a first unique caller-ID number is transmitted when a new voicemail message is present for the subscriber and a second unique caller-ID number is transmitted when no voicemail message is present for the subscriber.

30. (currently amended) The improvement of claim 28, wherein the voicemail server includes multiple sub-mailboxes assigned to a single telephone line of a single subscriber, each sub-mailbox having a unique indicator ID-number for display on the subscriber device so as to identify which sub-mailbox has received a new voicemail message.